

Our First Work At Edna Mills

On account of bad weather and sickness our protracted meeting at Edna Mills was postponed.

The church at Edna Mills is at peace and her prospects are brightening. Tho the salary is not large the writer preaches to those people with great pleasure. Some noble young people belong to that church, and development in piety seems to be their motto. All the members love the words of "truth and soberness" whether they drop from the tongue of youthful vigor and fluency, or whether they come from the more trembling lips of the hoary headed. "The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" seems to be what all desire. No matter whether it comes from grand pa or grand son. We are going to hold a missionary collection soon.

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Milledgeville Notes

We have not much spiritual progress to report at present, but we keep everlastingly at it, and hope to report better things some time.

We will have another saloon fight this spring but we feel that the victory shall be ours in the name of the Lord. Milledgeville has had no saloons since its incorporation but the last few years the saloon forces have been showing more than usual vigor and it requires constant vigilance on the part of Christian people to keep them in subjection. We all rejoice in the purchase of a church for the Washington City mission, but are sorry it came just when it did. The church here just lifted a one thousand dollar mortgage from the parsonage this month and felt it could not do the cause at Washington justice, but we presented the matter several times from the pulpit and received free will offerings amounting to fifty-one dollars. I hope this enterprise may succeed.

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DID CHRIST EAT THE PASSOVER?

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Brother Editor:—I most cheerfully accept your public invitation to bring forth my arguments, but will not say that I am "in possession of such arguments that will forever settle this question." It is my duty to bring them forth, and yours to give them thru the columns of the EVANGELIST, and let the readers of your paper decide it. I can at least let the readers of your paper know which side I am on, that I am on the side of the Bible, and have the entire law of the Passover as well as the example of Christ, Moses, Joshua, and Ezra the prophet. We expect to prove this beyond a successful contradiction that the fourteenth of the first month, the day in which Christ ate his last supper, was the day set apart by the Lord, for the observance of the Passover, and by so doing will bury all the negative arguments based on the false basis that Christ's last supper was eaten before the legal time. It

may seem foolishness in the eyes of the learned, for me to attempt to settle this controverted question, which the wisdom of the world failed to settle. But as "the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong," "and as God made foolish the wisdom of the wise," and "hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," I therefore take my stand firmly on God's eternal word, here I'll put down the staff and compass, and view this disputed question, "Did Christ eat the Passover on the night of his betrayal."

It is not our purpose in writing this article, to settle this controversy by arguments of my own production, neither do I intend to review all the misleading, evasive, sophistical arguments offered in support of the negative. We expect to bury this "humbug" by removing the sandy foundation upon which the whole theory and all evasive arguments are based and let all go down into the pit together. All the negative arguments are based on the mistaken idea that Christ's last supper was eaten one day before the legal time for keeping the Passover, therefore it was not the Passover. They all agree with us that Christ's last supper occurred on the fourteenth, hence the only difference to adjust to bring about unanimity of sentiment is to ascertain the legal time for keeping the Passover. We claim the fourteenth to be the day set apart by God, the author and instigator of this sacred rite. On the other hand our opponents aver that it is the fifteenth, or in other words they claim the fifteenth day to be the legal day for the observance of the Passover. Settling this point will put an end to this controversy for all time to come. We are only one step apart therefore, should by all means come together; all that is necessary to do is to lay aside all preconceived ideas that have no Bible base, and accept the Book of inspiration as the only safe guide. Read it as you do any other book, believe God meant what he said when he gave the law of the Passover and all other ordinances to his servant, Moses. If we all do this we will have no trouble along this line. It will not require any argument, neither does it require much learning. All can understand it from the least to the greatest. Brother Rench admits that in case the Passover was kept "On the fourteenth, that would make Christ's supper and the Passover come together in the point of time, and the conclusion would be easily reached that the last supper was the Passover." I say *Amen*, AMEN, to that. Unfortunately for our learned brother, he got the wrong witness on the stand to prove the negative side. "Hear ye him" "Let the children of Israel also keep the Passover in his appointed season. In the fourteenth day of this month at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season" Num. 9:2. Why did our good brother not call up a witness that said, "Let the children of Israel keep the Passover in his appointed season in the

fifteenth day of the month," as this would have established his position. Every theory ought to have at least one plain text in its support. If our good brother's testimony was as clear and pointed in his favor as it is in ours, I would not attempt to evade nor gainsay. God's word is the only supreme authority that we can appeal to, as he is the author of this sacred institution. Jesus said to the man that lifted up his eyes in hell, they have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them. In this case we have a greater than Moses. We have the Lord speaking unto Moses, saying, in the fourteenth day of this month at even, ye shall keep it, (the Passover.) Moses said they did keep it at the time above stated.

What more is needed to settle this question? He that will close his eyes and ears, and will not accept the above positive declaration that God's appointed time for keeping the Passover is the night of the fourteenth, would not be persuaded if God would speak to him from heaven saying, "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's Passover. Lev. 23:5. This is conclusive, yea overwhelming, insurmountable evidence in support of our position. "It is higher than heaven," therefore you can't get over it. "It is broader than the earth," therefore you can't get around it. "It is deeper than hell" therefore you can't undermine it. Hence there is but one thing left for you to do. What is it? *Surrender*.

The feast of the Passover was commemorative of an event that occurred in Egypt on the night of the fourteenth, therefore could not consistently be kept on any other day than the fourteenth. God said, "This day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord thru-out your generations by an ordinance forever." Exodus 12:14.

God himself would not change the day, altho when the day for keeping this feast arrived yea, from its institution, "there were certain men that were defiled," therefore could not keep the Passover at the appointed time, hence "came before Moses and Aaron" with their complaints saying, "why are we kept back?" They doubtless wanted Moses to defer the feast until the fifteenth so they could be cleansed and also participate in this holy service. Moses was at a loss what to do, so went to the Lord for counsel, but he did not permit them to change the day, how-



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